

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

Let's set the record straight. This utility tax is NOT needed! It's a shameful money grab! The proponents are misstating facts.

You rejected this same tax two years ago. Since then, CA stopped seizing local taxes (almost \$3,000,000.00 annually). City revenues are up and our city budget has dramatically increased. Reserves have grown. The city now receives nearly \$40,000,000.00 a year from your property taxes. Only a small portion goes to redevelopment.

They claim 4,000 citizens, 2% of Fremont's population, want more taxes. 98% of Fremont will vote in November!

98% of the burglar alarms are false so they stopped responding. Yet they still collect for false alarm permits. Perhaps they should use that money to fix the potholes.

They exempt low-income households from this tax and limit what businesses will pay. That leaves the middle class to bear the burden.

They say there will be an oversight committee. It has no power! It doesn't help us to know the barn burned down last week.

"Trust us" no longer cuts it! No banker will give money without being told the need and the ability to repay the loan.

Instead of higher taxes we need leadership in Fremont that will stop spending money on itself through inexcusable compensation packages. We can't afford to keep refilling the trough without seeing tangible results.

We urgently need change and it starts with the defeat of this utility tax. The summation of their arguments is more of the same!

Vote No on Measure L.

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